

tions of this Article, for a term of not less than three years, except that men may be enlisted as musicians if more than sixteen years of age. No minor shall be enlisted without the written consent of his parent or guardian, if one exists. No man who has been expelled or dishonorably discharged from any military organization of the State or United States shall be eligible for enlistment or re-enlistment unless he produces the written consent to such enlistment of the commanding officer of the organization from which he was expelled or dishonorably discharged. Men who have been discharged by reason of disbandment may be enlisted and shall then receive credit for the period served at the time of the disbandment.

A man discharged for physical disability shall, if such disability cease and he again enlists, receive credit for the period served, or a man discharged upon his own request shall, if he again enlists, receive credit for the period served prior to such discharge. Bandmasters, drum majors, chief trumpeters, members of the Hospital Corps and musicians may be enlisted as such.

Section XL. Before any person shall be mustered into the military service of this State, he shall take the following oath:

"I....., in the presence of Almighty, do solemnly promise (or declare) that I will support and defend the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, and that I will observe and will obey the lawful orders of the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and the officers appointed over me according to the articles and regulations provided for the armies of the United States and of the State of Maryland, for the period of three years, unless sooner lawfully discharged. And I consent to be mustered into the service of the United States whenever during the term of my enlistment the organization of which I am a member is called into the service of the United States."

All officers of the organized militia of this state shall be empowered to administer oaths of enlistment, provided however, no enlistment shall be valid until it be approved by the commanding officer of the organization to which the company, troop, battery, corps or division is attached, or of which it forms a part. The term of service of an enlisted man shall be three years. Soldiers who re-enlist within ninety days after the expiration of the former terms of their enlistment shall be considered to have served continuously.